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**FBIS Coverage in the Far East**

1. FBIS is a very important source of information and is used throughout B/FE, ORE. Its value would be further increased if additional coverage could be obtained for Communist China, North Korea, Burma, Malaya and Siam. In these areas coverage presently ranges from "incomplete" in the cases of Communist China and North Korea to "practically nil" in the cases of Burma, Malaya and Siam.

2. It is strongly urged that FBIS coverage of this area be continued and enlarged by all available means. Increased coverage in Communist China, North Korea, Burma, Malaya and Siam would be especially helpful.

3. It is considered most important that the desired increases be effected without reducing the coverage now existing on other Far Eastern areas. The situation in Japan is an example of the importance of maintaining present coverage. FBIS is almost the sole source of current information on Japan. Official reports on Japanese affairs by SCAP, while complete, are generally received from one week to one month after the occurrence of the event reported.

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